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**Archaeological  
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**THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTE IN AMERICAN  
ARCHAEOLOGY**

AT the meeting in celebration of the incorporation of the Institute, held at Washington, D.C., on January 2, 1907, Mr. Charles P. Bowditch, Chairman of the Committee on American Archaeology, delivered an address of special interest on the undertakings of the Institute in this field. The part which presents the plan of the Committee for future work is here published.

The American work to which the Institute can look forward in the future has been admirably expressed by Miss Alice C. Fletcher, in her report to the Committee on American Archaeology, which I will now read :

“It is proposed that the basal plan for work under the American Committee of the Archaeological Institute of America shall be the preparation of a map of the culture-areas of the American continent, as a contribution to the world-study of the human race.

“Already much has been done toward the making of such a map, and all available work hitherto done by institutions, associations, or individuals will be duly credited and its bibliography given. It is believed that such a graphic tabulation will not only facilitate the task of correlating work already accomplished and now in progress, but will make it possible so to direct the efforts of the various Societies of the Institute which desire to support active field work in our own country, that all the archaeological research undertaken will fit into the broad plan proposed, and thus help toward the solution of some of the problems that confront the students of human culture.

“A preparatory step toward the carrying out of this basal plan would be the appointment of an officer to be known as Director of American Archaeology, whose immediate duty would be to direct and coördinate all work undertaken by the affiliated societies of the Institute. This step should be followed by the establishment of a

School of American Archaeology, in which graduate students should be received for instruction and employment in field research, and so fitted to be workers in the wide field opened by this basal plan.

"Since culture-areas do not correspond with political boundaries, international relationships and work will naturally follow."

This plan has been accepted by the Committee, and Mr. Edgar L. Hewett has been recommended to the Council as Director of American Archaeology.

It is hoped that the Western Societies of the Institute, inspired by the comprehensive plan which has been adopted, will join heartily in the effort to make such a plan successful by turning their local energy and local funds into work which will contribute toward the desired end.

The interest in the work of American Archaeology is increasing in all parts of the country, and the Committee has been informed that if a school of American Archaeology should be established in Santa Fé, the old Governor's palace would probably be placed at their disposal. While the Committee is not ready to take decisive action at the present time, it is hoped that in the near future such a school may be established, which shall be the centre of influence in the cause of American Archaeology throughout the West and Southwest.